

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Didier Beudon et al.
Entitled: DEVICE FOR DIFFUSING STERILIZED AIR IN A FABRIC SHEATH
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, Applicant's respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) (3), please substitute for pending claims 1-11 with the following clean version of the claims. The changes to these claims are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked Up Version of Claims."

1. (Amended) A sheath of flexible material for close protection of products placed on a work surface and sensitive to airborne contamination, the protection being provided by diffusing a stream of sterile air, in particular in a direction that is substantially perpendicular to said work surface, said sheath defining a sterile air feed duct and presenting a geometrical singularity, the sheath being characterized in that a sterile air diffusion cone is provided in said feed duct immediately after said singularity in the direction of sterile air flow in said duct, the diffusion cone being oriented in the sterile air flow direction and being centered on the longitudinal axis x of the sheath.